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The Honorable Joe Coto  
 California State Assembly  
 State Capitol Room 2170  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Ron Swegles  
 Mayor

**Subject: Notice of Support - AB 2435-Santa Clara Valley Water  
 District Enabling Act Amendments**

Otto Lee  
 Vice Mayor

Dear Assembly Member Coto:

John N. Howe  
 Councilmember

The City of Sunnyvale supports your bill (AB 2435) to amend the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (District) enabling act (Act). Our organization agrees with the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the District Board of Directors that the existing governance structure no longer serves the interests of the County, the District, or more importantly the voters, residents and businesses of Santa Clara County. Your bill would specifically remove the County Board of Supervisors role in approving the District's budget and appointing District Board Members.

Dean J. Chu  
 Councilmember

Melinda Hamilton  
 Councilmember

Anthony (Tony) Spitaleri  
 Councilmember

By removing the County's role in District governance, you will ultimately reduce costs to taxpayers and allow the voters to hold their elected officials directly accountable for decisions relating to water resources. Your bill will also make the District's governance structure and budgetary process conform to that of other independent special districts throughout the state.

Christopher R. Moylan  
 Councilmember

Our organization is very pleased that you have agreed to author this legislation, which was developed collaboratively by the County and the District. Sunnyvale is very involved with the District, including holding a seat on the District Water Commission (Council member Dean Chu) and seats on two flood control and watershed management committees for the Lower Peninsula and West Valley and Guadalupe watershed areas (Council member Chris Moylan).

We are pleased to add our name to the list of supporters for this bill.

Sincerely,

Ron Swegles  
 Mayor

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